

Florida CVISN Team Meeting

June 20, 2002

9:00 – 11:00



MINUTES

Participants:

Mike Akridge	<i>FDOT-ITSA</i>	Judy Johnson	<i>DHSMV-ISA</i>
Charles Brantley	<i>FTA</i>	Jim Kennedy	<i>McKenzie Tank Lines</i>
Richard Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Barry Mason	<i>FDOT-MCC</i>
Sharon Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Roger Pittman	<i>DACS</i>
Richard Gerke	<i>FMCSA</i>	Hugh Stephens	<i>DOR</i>
Jim Gowen	<i>FL Dept of Revenue</i>	Lt. Jim Wells	<i>FHP</i>
Paul Grimes	<i>FDOT-OIS</i>	Dianna White	<i>Landstar</i>
David Helton	<i>DHSMV-MCS</i>	Doug York	<i>DACS</i>

Welcome

Mike Akridge opened the meeting, introduced himself and had meeting participants introduce themselves to the new team member from Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) - Lt. Jim Wells.

Mike Akridge gave an overview of the CVISN program and asked each of the team members to briefly explain why the CVISN program is important to their respective departments.

PROJECT UPDATES

Electronic Pre-Clearance at Agriculture Inspection Sites

Roger Pittman provided an update on the status of electronic screening at the Agriculture inspection stations. On June 19, the Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) started training on the PrePass equipment at I-10 & I-75. Roger stated that the systems at the I-10 sites are up and running. The equipment installation at the I-95 locations is almost complete - installation and training will be finished in the next 2 to 3 weeks. To date, DACS has received approximately 150 applications for participation in the pre-clearance/electronic bill of lading (BOL) program and has approved five companies for participation.

Roger explained the benefit of pre-clearance to the trucking community and to DACS. PrePass limits delays for trucks by reducing traffic volumes through the inspection station and helps DACS to regulate the agriculture industry as efficiently as possible. Less volume through the inspection station allows DACS to spend more time with trucks that require their attention. To participate in the pre-clearance program a trucking company must be one that does not usually transport agricultural products and must also participate in the electronic BOL program. Roger also discussed the random pull-in aspect of pre-clearance which negates the impression that once a company is approved into the program they will never be pulled in to the inspection station.

Roger noted that he anticipates that the electronic BOL program will increase the number of BOL's that are seen by the Department of Revenue (DOR) which could lead to increase revenue

collections. Jim Gowen commented on how important the BOL program is to the State, noting that \$100M has been collected in the past nine years.

Doug York advised the group that DACS is looking at developing a link from the DACS website to PrePass for downloading the application to participate in the pre-clearance program. He expects it will be live in about two weeks. The goal is to have the application available on both websites with information on which inspection stations have PrePass. They have also asked PrePass to put a DACS link on their site as well.

Mike Akridge advised the group that this is the first Agriculture pre-clearance bypass program in the country.

E-Credentialing/Compliance Help Desk Feasibility Study

David Helton updated the group on the status of the project. The project is progressing on schedule. The survey document is almost complete. The project is scheduled for completion in September.

FTA Annual Meeting & Presentations:

The group developed the tentative agenda and speakers for the session on 8/14 at the FTA Leadership Conference in Palm Beach, FL. Mike Akridge has a scheduling conflict with the ITS America Coordinating Council meeting at the same time. Richard Easley will make Mike's presentation for him at the FTA meeting.

The tentative agenda for the session:

Intro/overview high level projects, Overview of CVISN Program	Richard Easley
DHSMV update	Carl Ford
Agriculture update	Doug York
Dept. of Revenue update	Jim Gowen
MCCO update	Col. Fountain
Permits office update on new	Jean Ducher

Gamma Ray Technology:

DACS has received approval and the gamma ray equipment should be ordered at the beginning of the next fiscal year. This technology uses gamma rays to show the contents of the trailer/container, including false compartments, without opening it. The technology will be deployed at two locations: a stationary installation at the I-95 Agriculture inspection station and a moveable unit that will be deployed at the I-10 and I-75 locations, or wherever else it is needed. There will be a demonstration of the technology for the CVISN Team in the future, most likely in early 2003.

ITS Georgia meeting in Macon in August 2002:

Mike Akridge will do a CVISN presentation at the upcoming ITS Georgia meeting. Mike asked Jim Kennedy, with McKenzie Tank Lines, if he could possibly bring one of the IVI vehicles to the meeting for a demonstration. Mike noted that ITS Georgia might pay for Jim's travel to the event. Charles Brantley noted that he could coordinate with Georgia Motor Trucking to get more people out to the IVI demonstration.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Jim Kennedy discussed the importance of keeping the trucks on the road rather than in a queue at the inspection station. Continued delays at inspection stations can cause hours of service problems for drivers.

Richard Gerke briefly discussed the PRISM program and the goal of FMCSA to improve safety and not impede commerce. Under PRISM the state can identify bad carriers and pull their plates; 26 states currently participate in this program. David Helton noted that a statutory change would be required in order to confiscate license plates.

Lt. Wells recommended that Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Florida Crime Information Center (FCIC) need to participate in any future PRISM program because they control the law enforcement database.

Charles Brantley noted that the industry is looking forward to the day that there is one point of contact for all interactions required by Florida law.

Frank Day will be leaving the Permits Office to take a position as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Florida DOT.

Next CVISN Team meeting:

Thursday, July 18, 2002, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Location: Environment Management Office (EMO) conference room #330, Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Suite 3B, Tallahassee, FL.